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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SCHEDULING AN EVENT OVER A NETWORK

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

09/872,164

Applicant(s)

FISHMAN ET AL.

Examiner

ADNAN MIRZA

Art Unit

2445

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERIT IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/11/2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 9-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/NIVEK SRIVASTAVA/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2445

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas J. Tuytschaevers on 09/16/09.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 14 and cancel claims 7,8,19

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for scheduling an event over a network in a calendar of an invitee, the event having a set of details including at least a predetermined time for the event provided by an event creator, the method comprising:

as the result of ~~action by the~~ an invitee clicking on a link on a web page published on the Internet by the event creator for the event, wherein the clicking on the link by the invitee on the web page is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation about the event or the predetermined time for the event, receiving a schedule request at a server in communication with the network, the schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, wherein the server has access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator;

creating an event record at the server, the event record including at least the predetermined time for the event and a link to the calendar of the invitee; ~~and~~

adding the event to the invitee's calendar; receiving a change to at least one member of the set of details for the event from the event creator;

updating the event in the invitee's calendar with the changed set of details using the link between the event record and the invitee's calendar; and
sending a notification message to the invitee including the changed set of details.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for scheduling an event over a network in a calendar of an invitee, the event having a set of details provided by an event creator including at least a predetermined time for the event, the system comprising:

a first link, inserted in a web page published on the Internet and associated with the event creator and including the event, that when selected by the invitee creates a schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, the schedule request directing the event to the invitee's calendar, wherein the selection by the invitee of the first link is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation or other notice, other than the web page, about the event or the predetermined time for the event;

at least one server, in communication with the network, to receive the schedule request and store the event in the invitee's calendar and in an event record that includes a second link to the invitee's calendar; and

at least one database, in communication with the server, to store the event record.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for scheduling an event over a network in a calendar of an invitee, the event having a set of details provided by an event creator including at least a predetermined time for the event, the computer program product comprising a tangible storage medium having computer readable code thereon, the computer readable program code including:

program code for receiving a schedule request, the schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, as the result of ~~action by~~ the invitee clicking on a link on a web page published on the Internet by the event creator for the event, at a server in communication with the network, wherein the server has access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator, and wherein the clicking on the link on the web page is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation about the event or the predetermined time for the event;

program code for creating an event record at the server, the event record including at least the predetermined time for the event and a link to the calendar of the invitee; and

program code for adding the event to the invitee's calendar.

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1-6, 9-18 will be allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The prior art references most closely resembling the applicants claimed invention is Rasansky et al (U.S. 5,960,406) and Zhang et al (U.S. 6,016,478).

First, Rasansky disclosed a computer system for scheduling events between end users of the system. Each end user is granted a unique password protected personal calendar. This calendar is generated from information stored in a database at a central server, and delivered to each end user as standard HTML sent through the Internet. However Rasansky failed to disclose, "wherein the clicking on the link by the invitee on the web page is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation about the event or the predetermined time for the event, receiving a schedule request at a server in communication with the network, the schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, wherein the server has access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator (claims 1, 10, 14).

Second Zhang disclosed an electronic Personal Information Manager (PIM) including a peer-to-peer group scheduling/calendar system is described. The group scheduling/calendar system provides methods for peer-to-peer group scheduling among

users, including those users who only have simple e-mail support (i.e. do not have access to the group scheduling/calendar system itself). . However Zhang failed to disclose "wherein the clicking on the link by the invitee on the web page is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation about the event or the predetermined time for the event, receiving a schedule request at a server in communication with the network, the schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, wherein the server has access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator". These limitations are incorporated into all of the independent claims (claims 1, 10, 14).

In summary, the Examiner submits that Rasansky and Zhang taught all the limitations of independent claims in combination with other elements. Specifically prior art does not teach "wherein the clicking on the link by the invitee on the web page is not preceded by the sending to the invitee of an invitation about the event or the predetermined time for the event, receiving a schedule request at a server in communication with the network, the schedule request including at least the predetermined time for the event and an identifier for the event creator, wherein the server has access to the calendar of the invitee and a calendar for the event creator"; therefore, claims 1-6, 9-18 have been deemed allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (571) 272-3885. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 9:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571)-272-7304. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are listed herein below.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)746-7239. Customer service number is (866) 217-9197.

/VIVEK SRIVASTAVA/

Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2445